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Governor Musgrove Announces Grant to Tupelo / Lee County Regional Response Team

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that the Tupelo / Lee County Regional Response Team will receive \$98,127 to purchase specialized first responder equipment. The grant is part of \$5.9 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Justice for enhancement of the state’s Domestic Preparedness Strategic Plan.

“The events of 9/11 gave us new challenges, and we’ve worked hard to meet those challenges,” Musgrove said. “We’ve found ourselves facing new and different threats. Our regional responders must be prepared for them.”

MEMA applied for this funding prior to the attacks of September 11. The funds are separate from the funding that may be received for homeland security.

Additional plans for the \$5.9 million include equipping a state HAZMAT Response Team to assist the Regional Response Teams if additional assistance is needed in an event; establish 24-hour warning points in every county to ensure operational information can be passed on to the counties as soon as it is received at the state level; and to purchase decontamination equipment for the state.

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